

Honors Diploma

Purpose:

1. Provide a valuable framework of standard requirements for students who are 4yr college/university bound.
2. Offer an incentive for students to take challenging courses throughout their high school tenure.
3. Reward students who challenge themselves academically.
4. Provide students distinction when applying for college admittance and scholarships.

Credit Requirements:

Language Arts	4 credits (1 credit must be an advanced/honors/college level class)
Mathematics*	3 credits (must include Algebra II)
Science*	3 credits (must include a lab science such as physics, chemistry, Adv Bio, etc)
Social Sciences*	3 credits
Foreign Language*	2 credits in the same language
Health	1 credit
PE	1 credit
Career Ed	1 credit
Advanced Course	1 honors/adv. credit beyond the above noted minimum in a field marked (*)
Technology Ed	1 credit (PTE/Business/Ag Science/Computer Education)
<u>Elective Credits</u>	<u>6 credits</u>
Total Req. Credits	26 credits

GPA Requirements:

Minimum GPA 3.25 (through 06/07)

Minimum GPA 3.50 (after 06/07) or a 3.25GPA or better with an 1100 SAT (or equivalent) or 23 ACT score.

Other Requirements:

Students must earn a state issued CIM (reading, writing, mathematics, and science).

No D or F on transcript.

Implementation and Guidance:

If approved by the Board of Directors in spring of 2005, the Honors Diploma could be awarded as soon as graduation 2006 at Riverside Jr/Sr High School and Heppner Jr/Sr High School and in graduation 2007 at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School.

Honors Diploma criteria will be published in all jr/sr high school student handbooks and other pertinent school materials.

Students interested in attaining an Honors Diploma must begin planning with their guidance counselors, class advisors, and parent(s)/guardian(s) early on in their high school careers to insure GPA and credit requirements are being met.